

July 24, 2001

BY HAND

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Advanced Metering, D.T.E. 01-28, FG&E Revised Tariff Pages

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("FG&E") hereby submits for the Department's approval revised tariff pages (M.D.T.E. No. 71) for Optional Enhanced Metering Services. Enclosed for filing is an original and 15 copies of M.D.T.E. 71 and a redlined version of M.D.T.E. No. 69. Cost Support for Optional Enhanced Metering Service fees is provided in Attachment A..

FG&E respectfully requests an effective date of August 1, 2001.

As explanation for this filing, the following is relevant. In its June 29, 2001 Order in D.T.E. 01-28, the Department declined to implement FG&E's Service Option 1 fees pending FG&E's investigation of lower-cost alternatives. Accordingly, FG&E filed its compliance tariff, M.D.T.E. No. 69 so that Service Option 2 could be offered but indicated that the fees were pending Department approval for Service Option 1. The Department approved M.D.T.E. No. 69, effective July 1, 2001.

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As part of its Order, the Department also directed FG&E to report to the Department on its progress in identifying lower-cost alternatives. FG&E filed a Report on Service Option 1 Costs with the Department on July 13, 2001. This Report identified FG&E's progress in exploring lower-cost alternatives in order to provide Service Option 1. FG&E indicated that it would file with the Department its tariff with new fees by July 24, 2001.

As today's tariff filing indicates, FG&E evaluated other possible lower-cost alternatives and developed its fees based upon the lower-cost alternatives. However, because these alternatives do not allow meter storage of 35 days worth of 15-minute interval data, FG&E modified the tariff language to reflect this difference. See M.D.T.E. No. 71.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to telephone me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French

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CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia French, certify that I have this 24th day of July served a copy of the within filing on each of the individuals on the service list on file for D.T.E. 01-28 with the Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts, this 24th day of July 2001.

Patricia M. French